

abuse, allocates unprecedented funding for treatment efforts in federally qualified health centers, reinvigorates drug courts and other criminal justice innovations, and strengthens our enforcement efforts to rid our streets of the drug dealers who infect our communities.

I am confident that if we take these needed steps, we will make our country stronger, our people healthier, and our streets safer. If we boost community-based prevention efforts, expand treatment opportunities, strengthen law enforcement capabilities, and work collaboratively with our global partners, we will reduce drug use and its resulting damage.

While I am proud of the new direction described here, a well-crafted strategy is only as successful as its implementation. To succeed, we will need to rely on the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of every concerned American. I look forward to working with the Congress, Federal, State, and local officials, tribal leaders, and citizens across the country as we implement this Strategy and make our communities better places to live, work, and raise our families.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 11, 2010.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD BOWMAN, SR.

(Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of a great man and constituent, Mr. Edward Bowman, Sr. of Cheshire.

In my hometown of Cheshire, Connecticut, there aren't many traffic jams, but on the day of his burial procession, Ed Bowman caused one heck of a mess that virtually closed down Route 10. Hundreds turned out to pay respects to Cheshire's hero, a giant in business and in charity.

One of Cheshire's leading businessmen, the owner of White-Bowman, Ed was an even better volunteer and community cheerleader. If you volunteered at the St. Bridget food drive, Ed Bowman was there packing grocery bags next to you; if you cared about youth sports, Ed Bowman was chalking the ball field with you; and if you were interested in helping kids go to college, Ed Bowman was right there with you hustling for scholarships.

He was a rarity among us. He served not because he wanted any acclamation but because his Catholic faith told him it was the right thing to do.

He leaves behind eight children and 25 grandchildren—a family that has simply picked up where its patriarch left off. Ed Bowman was Cheshire, and the Bowman family is Cheshire.

CUBA DAY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, tomorrow I will be cohosting a briefing to honor the courage and the sacrifice of those struggling for freedom in Cuba. In the last few months, the regime has only stepped up its vicious repression.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo, a courageous human rights activist, recently lost his life at the hands of the tyranny. Las Damas de Blanco, the Ladies in White, endured physical attacks by Cuban security thugs. And each day, Guillermo Farinas' health continues to worsen as the calls for freedom in Cuba remain unanswered.

Jenisset Rivero from the Cuban Democratic Directorate will join us to discuss these and other recent assaults by the dictatorship in Cuba. I welcome and urge you to join us for this important briefing tomorrow at noon in 2253 Rayburn.

See you there.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF SENIOR AIRMAN JON B. TURNEY

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a small tribute to an exceptionally accomplished constituent hailing from Santa Anna, Texas—Senior Airman Jon B. Turney. Senior Airman Turney recently distinguished himself as an MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft instructor sensor operator with the 29th Attack Squadron, 49th Operations Group, 49th Fighter Wing. With just over 3 years in the Air Force, Airman Turney has been integral to the success of the remotely piloted aircraft community.

He has flown 364 instructional hours, resulting in 92 qualified MQ-9 sensor operators. These operators have joined overseas contingency operations in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He personally created an MQ-9 community of practice, providing real-time and easily accessible remotely piloted aircraft data to users Air Force wide. He assisted with the creation of a new draft of Air Force tactics, techniques and procedures for the MQ-9, positively impacting operations Air Force wide. Finally, in his free time he is active in charity and is pursuing a bachelor's degree.

These accomplishments along with his technical and leadership skills earned him the 29th Attack Squadron Airman of the Year for 2009 and a place as one of the Air Force's 2010 Team of the Year members.

On behalf of the people of Central and West Texas, I thank Senior Airman Turney for his exemplary service to his country and look forward to following his future success. I wish both he and his young family all the happiness and good health that God can grant them; and may God bless them all.

RECOGNIZING PLYMOUTH FIRE CAPTAIN TOM EVENSON AND FIREFIGHTER ANN KORSMO

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two heroes from my district who went above and beyond their call of duty. Plymouth Fire Captain Tom Evenson and Volunteer Firefighter Ann Korsmo recently received the Firefighters Heroes Award from the Twin Cities chapter of the American Red Cross.

After learning about a local family who suffered severe burns during a home fire incident, these firefighters decided to provide a fire safety course to the family to help them overcome their fear and avoid similar problems in the future. When they came to discover the grandmother, who cares for the family's children, was deaf, they reached out to a local hearing professional and were able to get a \$6,000 pair of hearing aids charitably donated.

Madam Speaker, the selfless service of people like Tom Evenson and Ann Korsmo is what makes our communities and our country great, and I am proud to recognize them here today.

POLICE WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week is Police Week, which has a particular resonance here in Washington, home to the National Peace Officers Memorial. Tuesday, there was a Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in honor of the men and women killed in 2009 in the line of duty. On Thursday, there is a candlelight vigil in the memory of the 117 police officers who gave the last full measure of devotion to protect us from criminals.

In my State of Pennsylvania, seven officers died in the last year. Among them was State Trooper Paul G. Richey, who was killed in Oil City in my congressional district. He left a wife and two children.

Only Texas, Florida and California had more police deaths than Pennsylvania. The number of deaths from gunfire is up 21 percent, from 38 last year to 46.

Many of the events of Police Week help raise awareness and funding for Concerns of Police Survivors or COPS, a nonprofit organization. Proceeds help the family members of fallen officers—a worthy cause.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order